

**MINUTES**  
**MARION CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**CONFERENCE CALL**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M.**

**MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Ashley Brady	Councilman Joseph Frazier
Councilwoman Tassie Lewis	
Councilman Ralph Atkinson	
Councilman Michael Baker	

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Alan Ammons, City Administrator	Trey Cooper, Fire Chief
Ainsley Sanders, City Clerk	Tony Flowers, Police Chief
Patricia Brown, City Treasurer	
James Brogdon, City Attorney	

**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – MAYOR ASHLEY BRADY**

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Ashley Brady.

**2. PRAYER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor stated that he would like to have moment of silence for George Floyd and his family and our country as we navigate through these difficult times and Mayor opened up with prayer.

**3. WELCOME CITIZENS, GUESTS & PRESS – MAYOR ASHLEY BRADY**

Mayor Ashley Brady welcomed the attendee's online.

**4. APPROVE MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING MAY 12, 2020 & SPECIAL MEETING MAY 19, 2020**

***A motion was made by Councilman Joseph Frazier, seconded by Councilman Michael Baker to approve the May 12, 2020 minutes with the exception of May 19, 2020, on page six under Councilwoman Lewis “stated that he is praying for everyone’s health and praying that follow guidelines and respect their peers” he should be she, and with that correction Councilman approve the minutes on May 12, 2020. The motion carried.***

**5. JUNE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – MAYOR ASHLEY BRADY**

Mayor stated that he wants to recognize all of our City employee’s they have done a tremendous job during COVID-19 and adjusting their schedules and trying to work in the new normal way. All of our employees have done an excellent job. All of our employees have been named employee of the month.

**6. BANK BIDS LEASE PURCHASE OF EXCAVATOR TRACKHOE**

Mayor stated that bids were sent out to five different banks; three banks First Citizens, TD Bank, Wells Fargo did not return a bid. Two banks did return bids Anderson Brothers bank, and Pee Dee Federal. Of Course Anderson Brothers bank 3.00%, and Pee Dee Federal at 2.99%. Councilman Ralph Atkinson works at Pee Dee Federal and Mayor stated that Councilman wanted to make comment on that. Councilman Ralph Atkinson made the comment that he did not participate in this bid process Mr. George Mcmillan the Executive Vice President at the bank handled that whole bidding process when it comes to voting I abstain. Mayor stated that

as we see that we are buying a trackhoe at \$175,549.00. ***A motion was made by Councilman Michael Baker, seconded by Councilman Joseph Frazier to accept the low bid at 2.99%.*** Councilman Ralph Atkinson stated that he abstains from the voting. The motion carried.

7. **2ND READING ORDINANCE 20-09, ORDINANCE TO ENTER INTO LEASE – PURCHASE AGREEMENT EXCAVATOR**

***A motion was made by Councilman Joseph Frazier, seconded by Councilman Michael Baker to accept the Ordinance 20-09 to enter into lease-purchase agreement Excavator.*** Councilman Ralph Atkinson abstains from this Ordinance as well. The motion carried.

8. **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**Operations – Facilities – COVID 19**

Administrator Alan Ammons stated that he has just a few things that he would like to bring up to Council. We have started working on the nuisance lots. Dennis and the tractor has made it out to this week, and have been making it around. I know last month we had discussed certain things opening and all, and have met with the staff and we are prepared to start July 1 on a very limited rental schedule and may just do one rental per week to try to work into as time goes by in six months or so we will be back to our regular schedule, but we would like to go ahead and start that on July 1st. Mayor stated can we get a motion to open up our rentals effective July 1st, and a day between rentals so we can sanitize between for our rentals.

Miscellaneous**9. CITY ATTORNEY'S LEGAL UPDATE**

Attorney Brogdon III doesn't have anything at this time.

**10. DISTRICT AND CITY UPDATE FROM COUNCIL AND MAYOR**

**Mayor Ashley Brady:** Mayor stated that City Hall is still limited access, and our employees are taking all precaution the best that we can, but we do have a limited schedule at City Hall, and open but for limited access.

They are practicing for baseball and softball and are set to start June 15.

Our swimming pool at our last Council meeting, the Council voted to close the pool for the remainder of the summer. We still have to maintain that property and make sure it stays clean. We have got the pool clean and it is ready to be inspected by DHEC so the pool remains closed and we are just maintaining our property. Mayor stated that if we desire to change our minds it is ready to go but right now it's still closed.

The mini excavator that has been approved last month should be in, in about two weeks so we can start using it running all over town doing what it was designed to do.

We are spraying for mosquitos, and have been spraying for about a week or so. We are trying to spray at least two days a week, but keep in mind that if it is forecasted to rain that evening we do not spray because if it rains we have just wasted that spray. So we know that the mosquitos are bad but we are trying to stay on top of that for mosquitos.

The catch basins, a couple of weeks ago we had a couple three inches of rain in one hour of time and five inches in a twenty four hour of time. We are constantly working catch basins in the area and trying to stay on top of

that. We are encouraging citizens that if they have catch basins not to put trash, limbs near catch basins and if they see it if they can just take a rake and take that matted material off that grate, it gets water off the road way. This coming Thursday we have our public hearing on our budget and the final reading on our budget. Mayor would like to reiterate that we did our budget with no tax increase, no revenue increase, and no rental fee increase at all.

**Councilman Joseph Frazier:** Councilman Joseph Frazier stated that everything is ok he is fine.

**Councilman Michael Baker:** Councilman Michael Baker stated that he doesn't have anything right now that he needs to get with Alan.

**Councilman Ronald Atkinson: \*Absent\***

**Councilman Ralph Atkinson:** Councilman Ralph Atkinson stated that he don't have anything. Councilman stated that he do know that the Administrator said that Administrator Ammons and himself were talking and they and he thinks that he told him that they were talking about the sweeping of the parking lot at CD Joyner next week maybe and the Mayor confirmed it.

**Councilwoman Tassie Lewis:** Councilwoman stated that she doesn't have anything.

**Mayor Pro Tem Emerson Hunt: \*absent\***

Mayor stated that he just want to remind everyone that Thursday evening is our public hearing in the Shannon Wilkerson Gym. He also stated that “if you don’t mind me asking while we are here. The public hearing has to be a public hearing so when we set it up he just wants to get a head count of who is going to be there so we can set up the phone as well. Councilman Baker will be doing call in. Councilman Frazier will attend. Councilman Ralph Atkinson will attend. Mayor stated that we will practice social distancing for sure. Councilwoman Tassie Lewis stated that she plans to attend but she may have to call in. Mayor stated that we will have a phone number set up so and it will conduct that public hearing.

***A motion was made by Council Michael Baker, seconded by Councilman Joseph Frazier to adjourn.***

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Mayor Ashley Brady

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Ainsley Sanders, City Clerk  
Taped: June 9, 2020